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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A memory storing a data structure that represents a financial product, the data structure for use with a computer-based method of administering a financial product that is traded on a first marketplace, the data structure comprising:

a field that identifies a first fund that is traded on a trading marketplace in the a first country, and registered in the first country,

a field that identifies an index of securities that are traded in a second, different country that the first fund is based on and being arbitragable with a second fund that is based on the index and which is registered in the second different country; and

wherein the first fund has a creation unit basis that is substantially the same basis as a creation unit basis for the second fund.

- 2. (Original) The financial product of claim 1 wherein the first fund is a first index-tracking fund, issuing tracking fund shares that are traded in the marketplace in the first country.
- 3. (Original) The financial product of claim 1 wherein the marketplace is an exchange, an electronic market, over-the-counter marketplace, an electronic communications network (ECN), or other securities trading marketplace.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The financial product of claim  $\pm 2$  wherein the first tracking fund and the second tracking fund each track the same index.

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5. (Currently Amended) The financial product of claim  $\pm 2$  wherein the first tracking fund and the second tracking fund are designed to track or outperform the price and yield performance of the index.

- 6. (Currently Amended) The financial product of claim 4 2 wherein the first index tracking fund can be traded on marketplaces in the first country or on marketplaces in other countries, other than marketplaces in the second country.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The financial product of claim  $\pm 2$  wherein the first tracking fund shares are not fungible with second tracking fund shares at the share level.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The financial product of claim  $\pm 2$  wherein the first tracking fund is designed to permit arbitrage of the first tracking fund with the second tracking fund.
- 9. (Original) The financial product of claim 1 wherein the composition of the creation unit is based on the index and is adjusted as determined by an agent such as an index receipt agent, trustee, administrator, or other entity designated to perform that function.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The financial product of claim  $\pm 2$  wherein there exists a known numerical relationship or ratio between the share aggregation size of a creation unit of the first tracking fund and the share aggregation size of a creation unit of the second tracking fund.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A memory storing a data structure that represents a first tracking fund, the data structure comprising:
- a field identifying fund shares that are traded on a first marketplace, the first tracking fund registered in a first country;
- a field identifying a second <u>tracking</u> fund being based on an index of securities the second fund traded in a second, different country and registered in the second country;

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wherein the first <u>tracking</u> fund is structured with a creation unit basis that is substantially the same creation unit basis as for the second fund and where calculation of the net asset value of the first fund occurs essentially or exactly the same time that second country fund has its NAV calculated.

- 12. (Original) The financial product of claim 11 wherein the marketplace is an exchange, an electronic market, over-the-counter marketplace, an electronic communications network (ECN), or other securities trading marketplace.
- 13. (Original) The financial product of claim 11 wherein the first tracking fund and the second tracking fund each track the same index.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The financial product of claim 11 wherein the first index tracking fund can be traded on marketplaces in the first country or on marketplaces in other countries, other than marketplaces in the second country.
- 15. (Original) The financial product of claim 11 wherein the first tracking fund is designed to permit arbitrage of the first tracking fund with the second tracking fund, and there exists a known numerical relationship or ratio between the share aggregation size of a creation unit of the first tracking fund and the share aggregation size of a creation unit of the second tracking fund.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A computer-based method of administering a financial product that is traded on a first marketplace, comprising the characteristics of:

administering in a computer system a first fund having a creation unit basis that is substantially the same basis as the creation unit basis for a second fund that is traded on a second marketplace in a different country as the first fund.

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17. (Previously Presented) A computer-based method of administrating a first fund that is traded on a first marketplace, comprising the characteristics of:

calculating in the computer, the net asset value of the first fund at essentially or exactly the same time that the net asset value of a second country fund has its net asset value calculated, with the first fund and the second fund each tracking the same index of financial products.

18. (Previously Presented) A computer-based method of administrating a first fund that issues shares in a first fund, the computer-based method comprises:

providing the first fund based on a creation unit, the creation unit having a basis that is substantially the same basis as a creation unit basis for a second fund that is traded on a second marketplace in a different country than the first fund;

calculating in the computer the net asset value of the first fund at essentially or exactly the same time that the net asset value of the second country fund has its net asset value calculated to make the first fund arbitragable with the second fund.

- 19. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising: trading the first fund on a marketplace.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the marketplace is an exchange, an electronic market, over-the-counter marketplace, an electronic communications network (ECN), or other securities trading marketplace.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the first tracking fund and the second tracking fund each track the same index.
- 22. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein trading of the first fund shares can occur in marketplaces in the first country or marketplaces in other countries, other than marketplaces in the second country.

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23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein making the first fund arbitrageable with the second fund further comprises:

providing a known numerical relationship or ratio between the share aggregation size of a creation unit of the first tracking fund and the share aggregation size of a creation unit of the second tracking fund.

24. (Previously Presented) A method executed in a computer system, the method comprises:

administrating a first fund that issues shares in the first fund by:

calculating in the computer system the net asset value of the first fund at essentially or exactly the same time that the net asset value of a second fund has its net asset value calculated to make the first fund arbitragable with the second fund, with the first fund and the second fund each having a creation unit basis that are substantially the same and with the second fund traded on a second marketplace in a different country than the first fund.

- 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24 further comprising: trading the first fund on a marketplace.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the marketplace is an exchange, an electronic market, over-the-counter marketplace, an electronic communications network (ECN), or other securities trading marketplace.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the first tracking fund and the second tracking fund each track the same index.
  - 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24 further comprising:

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providing a known numerical relationship or ratio between the share aggregation size of a creation unit of the first tracking fund and the share aggregation size of a creation unit of the second tracking fund to make the first fund <u>arbitragable arbitrageable</u> with the second fund.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24 further comprising: calculating the net asset value of the second fund after the close of trading for the second fund in the second country.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24 further comprising: calculating the net asset value for the first tracking fund in <u>synchronization</u> synchronization with the calculation of the net asset value in the second fund.

- 31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the first country and the second country are in different time zones.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24 wherein trading in the shares of one fund uses as a reference the prices or expected prices of the shares of the second fund.